

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/605,616	COHEN ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 3/29/06.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-4,6,7,9-12,15-20 and 66.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

PART I **THE EXAMINER'S EVALUATION OF THE APPLICATION**

SECTION A **RELAVANT ART CITED BY THE EXAMINER**

1. U. S. Patent No. 5,761,715 to Takahashi describes *Information processing device and cache memory with adjustable number of ways to reduce power consumption based on cache miss ratio.*
2. U. S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0061448 to Rawson, III describes *Selectively powering portions of system memory in a network server to conserve energy.*
3. U. S. Patent No. 2003/0236948 to Erdner et al. describes *Cache way replacement technique.*

SECTION B **DISTINGUISHING FEATURES RECITED IN THE CLAIMS**

The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance See MPEP 1302.14

3. *The primary reasons for allowance of independent claims 2-4, 6-7, 9-12, 15, and 19-20 in the instant application is the combination with the inclusion of the following limitations: maintaining coherency of data in cache, as the size of the cache is altered, by ensuring that copies of all data elements in the cache exists in an area of the cache not powered off.*
4. *The primary reasons for allowance of independent claims 16-18 in the instant application is the combination with the inclusion of the following limitations: wherein the step of maintaining integrity of data includes the step of, before powering off one of the sections of the cache, saving any modified data in said one section of*

the cache and ensuring that copies of all data elements in the cache exists in sections of the cache not powered off.

The prior art of record including the disclosures of Takahashi (5,761,715), Rawson, III (2003/0061448), and Erdner et al. (2003/0236948) neither anticipates nor renders obvious the above recited combination.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance"

PART II **THE ATTENTION OF FUTURE CORRESPONDENT**

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Hashem Farrokh whose telephone number is (571) 272-4193. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

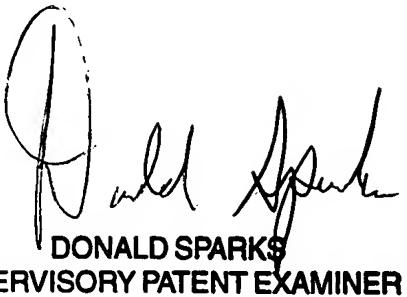
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